

103D CONGRESS
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S. 683

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide improved reimbursement for clinical social worker services under the medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 31 (legislative day, MARCH 3), 1993

Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. IMPROVED REIMBURSEMENT FOR CLINICAL**
4 **SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES UNDER MEDI-**
5 **CARE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1)(F)(ii) of the
7 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)(F)(ii)) is
8 amended to read as follows: “(ii) the amount determined
9 by a fee schedule established by the Secretary,”.

1 (b) DEFINITION OF SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES EX-
 2 PANDED.—Section 1861(hh)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
 3 1395x(hh)(2)) is amended by striking “services performed
 4 by a clinical social worker (as defined in paragraph (1))”
 5 and inserting “services performed by a clinical social work-
 6 er (as defined in paragraph (1)), and such services and
 7 supplies furnished as an incident to such services per-
 8 formed.”.

9 (c) SERVICES OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS NOT
 10 TO BE INCLUDED IN INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES.—
 11 Section 1861(b)(4) (42 U.S.C. 1395x(b)(4)) is amended
 12 by striking “and services” and inserting “qualified clinical
 13 social worker services, and services”.

14 (d) TREATMENT OF SERVICES FURNISHED IN INPA-
 15 TIENT SETTING.—Section 1832(a)(2)(B)(iii) (42 U.S.C.
 16 1395k(a)(2)(B)(iii)) is amended by striking “and serv-
 17 ices” and inserting “qualified clinical social worker serv-
 18 ices, and services”.

19 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 20 this section shall become effective with respect to pay-
 21 ments made for clinical social worker services furnished
 22 on or after January 1, 1994.

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